107TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R. 5226

To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 25, 2002

Mr. George Miller of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Captive Wildlife Safety
- 5 Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON IMPORT, ETC. OF CERTAIN WILD-
- 7 LIFE.
- 8 (a) In General.—The Lacey Act Amendments of
- 9 1981 is amended—

1	(1) in section 2 (16 U.S.C. 3371) by adding at
2	the end the following:
3	"(k) The term 'prohibited wildlife species'
4	means any live lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar,
5	cougar, or bear.";
6	(2) in section 3(a)(2) (16 U.S.C. 3372(a)(2))—
7	(A) in subparagraph (A) by striking "or"
8	the fifth time it appears;
9	(B) in subparagraph (B) by striking the
10	semicolon and inserting ", or"; and
11	(C) by adding at the end the following:
12	"(C) any prohibited wildlife species (sub-
13	ject to subsection (e));"; and
14	(3) by adding at the end the following:
15	"(e)(1) Subsection (a)(2)(C) does not apply to—
16	"(A) any zoo, circus, research facility licensed
17	or registered and inspected by the Federal Govern-
18	ment, or aquarium;
19	"(B) any person accredited by the Association
20	of Sanctuaries or the American Sanctuary Associa-
21	tion;
22	"(C) any State university or agency, State-li-
23	censed wildlife rehabilitator, or State-licensed veteri-
24	narian:

- 1 "(D) any incorporated humane society, animal 2 shelter, or society for the prevention of cruelty to 3 animals;
- "(E) any federally-licensed and inspected breeder or dealer who is conducting any breeding or dealing activity with a person referred to in this paragraph; and
- 8 "(F) any person having custody of a wild ani-9 mal solely for the purpose of transporting it to a 10 person referred to in this paragraph.
- "(2) The Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies shall, within 6 months after the date of enactment of this subsection, issue regulations describing the persons referred to in paragraph (1).
- "(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be considered or construed to preempt or supercede the authority of a State to regulate wildlife species within that State.".
- 19 (b) APPLICATION.—Section 3(a)(2)(C) of the Lacey 20 Act Amendments of 1981, as amended by this section, 21 shall apply after the effective date of regulations under 22 section 3(e)(2) of such Act.

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